

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re CONTINUATION  
PATENT APPLICATION of

Usha KASID et al.

Application Serial No.: (Unassigned)

Filed: August 16, 2001

Title: LIPOSOMES CONTAINING OLIGONUCLEOTIDES

\* Group Art Unit: Unassigned

\* Examiner: Unassigned

#51 PRE  
A

Untested  
in - part

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND**  
**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION IN PARENT APPLICATION**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the final rejection dated September 11, 2000, in parent application no. U.S. Serial No. 09/354,109, Applicants submit herein the following remarks and reminders.

Applicants note at the outset that these amendments, in large part, conform the scope of the claims to that allowed in U.S. Serial No. 09/982,084.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, before paragraph 1, insert the following:

**Cross Reference to Related Applications:**

This patent document is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/354,109 filed July 15, 1999, which is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/957,327 filed October 24, 1997, the content of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

A 1